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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN PRESS BOOSTS TRIPOLI SUMMIT, ATTACKS EGYPTIAN
INITIATIVES

1. SUMMARY. DECEMBER 5 ALGIERS PRESS PRAISES TRIPOLI SUMMIT
AS VICTORY FOR PALESTINIAN UNITY WHILE IGNORING SPLITS IN
RANKS OF ARAB REJECTIONISTS REPORTED IN INTERNATIONAL MEDIA.
ADDITIONAL EDITORIAL COMMENT ON SADAT'S VISITS TO ISRAEL AND
ON PLANS FOR CAIRO MEETING OPENLY ASSOCIATES U.S. WITH
EGYPTIAN INITIATIVES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, CALLS THESE
INITIATIVES BETRAYAL OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE, SUMMONS ARAB
PEOPLES TO UNITE IN FACE OF IMPERIALIST-ZIONIST-ARAB REAC-
TIONARY ALLIANCE, AND SUGGESTS THAT EGYPTIAN PEOPLE WILL
THEMSELVES REJECT SADAT'S POLICIES. END SUMMARY.

2. DECEMBER 5 ALGIERS PRESS TRUMPETS TRIPOLI SUMMIT AS
VICTORY FOR PALESTINIAN UNITY: "PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE
UNIFIES ITS FORCES " (BANNER IN LEADING GOVERNMENT-
OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN FRENCH "EL-MOUDJAHID"); "IMPORTANT
FINAL COMMUNIQUE TO BE ISSUED AT TRIPOLI CONFERENCE.
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PALESTINIAN GROUPS RECOVER THEIR UNITY ON BASIS
OF REJECTING ANY SETTLEMENT WITH ENEMY" (BANNER IN
GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS DAILY IN ARABIC "ASH-SHA'B").
PAPERS REMAIN SILENT ON CONCRETE RESULTS OTHER THAN
PALESTINIAN UNITY STATEMENT (WHICH THEY BELIEVE MAY
TRIGGER CLASHES IN LEBANON AND IN SAHARA) AND IGNORE
SPLITS IN RANKS OF ARAB REJECTIONISTS REPORTED BY

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA.

3. EDITORIAL COMMENT ON PRESIDENT SADAT'S VISIT TO ISRAEL AND ON PLANS FOR CAIRO MEETING CONTINUES TO CONDEMN EGYPTIAN INITIATIVES AS BETRAYAL OF PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND PRELUDE TO SEPARATE PEACE. FOR FIRST TIME, PRESS DIRECTLY ASSOCIATES U.S. WITH INITIATIVES. IT CONTINUES ITS CALL FOR UNITY OF ARAB PEOPLES IN FACE OF IMPERIALIST-ZIONIST-ARAB REACTIONARY ALLIANCE AND SUGGESTS THAT EGYPTIAN PEOPLE WILL MOVE TO REJECT SADAT'S POLICIES IN DUE COURSE.

4. IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL DECEMBER 12, "EL-MOUDJAHID" WRITES : "PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION HAS ACHIEVED IMPORTANT RESULT ... IN ELIMINATING CERTAIN FACTORS OF DIVISION... IN SO DOING, IT IS CONTRIBUTING TO ARAB MOVEMENT TO STOP PROCESS OF SURRENDER BEGUN BY EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT... OFFICIALS OF PALESTINIAN MOVEMENTS HAVE SHOWN COURAGE AND REALISM... IN REACHING AGREEMENT ON ONE BASIC POINT-- LIBERATION OF PALESTINE WITHOUT NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT."

5. IN FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL DECEMBER 12, "ASH-SHA'B" WRITES: "MERE HOLDING OF TRIPOLI MEETING IS SUCCESS FOR ARAB NATION, GIVEN ... DESPAIR THAT HAD REACHED EVEN SOME PROGRESSIVE CIRCLES OVER IMPOSSIBILITY OF STEMMING REACTIONARY SURRENDERIST TIDE. MEETING DID UNCLASSIFIED

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TAKE PLACE AND WAS ATTENDED BY MAIN PARTY CONCERNED-- THE PALESTINIANS ... IT ALSO BROUGHT TOGETHER TWO ARAB REGIMES WHOSE MEETING AROUND ONE TABLE HAD UP TO NOW BEEN DIFFICULT ... AND IT ALSO SAID NO TO SURRENDER PRIMARY PRACTICAL STEP TO COUNTER CONSPIRACY OF SURRENDER IS WITHOUT DOUBT RESISTANCE GROUPS' DECISION TO END SPLIT AMONG THEM TRIPOLI DECLARATION MAY HAVE INTRODUCED NEW AND UNEXPECTED ELEMENT THAT HAS TAKEN REACTIONARY FORCES BY SURPRISE.... ACCORDINGLY, WE MUST EXPECT REACTION ... IN FORM OF EXPLOSION IN LEBANON AND PUBLIC ALLIANCE BETWEEN LEBANESE ISOLATIONISTS AND ISRAELIS. FURTHER, WE THINK ARAB REACTIONARIES WILL ENCOURAGE RABAT TO STRIKE OR ATTACK ALGERIA."

"AMERICAN DIPLOMACY HAS ADOPTED POLICY OF DIVIDE AND RULE TOWARDS ZIONIST-ARAB CONFLICT.... SADAT'S VISIT TO OCCUPIED PALESTINE ... ACHIEVED WHAT AMERICANS WANTED-- SPLIT IN ARAB RANKS.... AMERICANS ALSO AIM AT REDRAWING MAP OF MIDEAST TO INCLUDE REACTIONARY REGIMES THAT SHOW OPENNESSTOWARDS ZIONISM WHILE EXCLUDING PALESINIAN RESISTANCE... THROUGH CREATION OF HIRELING PALESTINIAN BODY THAT WOULD GO ALONG WITH THOSE PARTIES

THAT ARE COLLUDING WITH AMERICA."

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7. IN LEAD EDITORIAL ENTITLES "TREASON, ACT 11" IN
DECEMBER 1-7 ISSUE, LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED ALGIERS
WEEKLY IN FRENCH "ALGERIE-ACTUALITE" WRITES : "BY
REVEALING IMPERIALIST STRATEGY IN REGION AND IN MAGHREB,
SADAT'S INITIATIVE... SERVED AS CATALYST FOR ALL
REVOLUTIONARY POTENTIAL OF ARAB WORLD.... CAPITULA-
TIONIST TREND MUST BE COUNTERED BY FAR-SEEING POLICY....
IN ALLYING HIMSELF UNCONDITIONALLY WITH IMPERIALISM AND
ZIONISM, SADAT HAS BETRAYED ARAB CAUSE. EVEN WORSE,
HE HAS STABBED PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION IN BACK."

8. IN COMMENT ENTITLES "PATH OF CAPUTULATION" IN SAME
ISSUE, "ALGERIE-ACTUALITE" WRITES" WRITES: "IN SPITE OF EGYPTIAN
LEADERS' DENIALS, WHAT IS INVOLVED IN CAIRO MEETING IS
SEPARATE PEACE.... DURING THIS NEW TETE-A-TETE ENLARGED
BY PRESENCE OF AMERICAN DELEGATION, OUTLINES OF SOLUTION
IN WHICH PALESTINIANS BECOME PEOPLE COLONIZED IN THEIR
OWN COUNTRY... WILL BE DEFINED... FATE OF
PALESTINIANS IS TOO PRECIOUS FOR US TO ACCEPT THIER
SACRIFICE IN NAME OF RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ZIONISTS
AND THOSE WHO HAVE CHOSEN PATH OF CAPITULATION."
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9. IN LEAD EDOTORIAL ENTITLES "NO TO CAPITUALTION"
IN NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 6 ISSUE, FLN WEEKLY PARTY
ORGAN IN FRENCH "REVOLUTION AFRICAINE" WRITES" ROAD
CHOSEN BY SADAT DOES NOT LEAD TO TRUE PEACE, TO JUST
PEACE THAT PROTECTS AUTHENTIC HIGHER INTERESTS OF
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, WHICH IS KEYSTONE OF ANYTHING TO
BE DONE IN MIDEAST.... CONFERENCE IN EGYPTIAN CAPITAL
CAN LEAD ONLY TO NEGOTIATION AND CAN END ONLY IN
CONCLUSION OF SEPARATE PEACE WITH ZIONIST STATE. THIS
PEACE ... CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY AT EXPENSE OF OTHER
FRONT-LINE ARAB STATES AND OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE....
ARAB NATION... HAS ONLY ONE ALTERNATIVE LEFT--
UNTIRING PURSUIT OF FIGHT AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ITS
BY PRODUCTS, ZIONISM AND REACTIONARY REGIMES."

10. IN COMMENTARY ENTITLES "EGYPT: WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?"
DECEMBER 1, "EL-MOUDJAHID" WRITES " "PROFOUNDLY CONSCIOUS
OF ITS ARABISM AND ITS SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY, EGYPTIAN
PEOPLE CANNOT, IN SPITE OF ITS SILENCE IN FACE OF
DAMNABLE DECISIONS OF ITS GOVERNMENT, SUPPORT OPERATION
THAT PERJURES ITS SWORN OATH TO ARAB COUNTRIES....
SEPARATE ACCORD WITH TEL AVIV WILL GIVE SADAT LIFEBOUY
FOR HIS POLICY OF 'OPENING', FOR EGYPTIAN PEOPLE IS
FRUSTRATED OVER UNFULFILLED PROMISES OF SADAT REGIME.
MIRACLE OF 'OPENING' DID NOT OCCUR.... SADAT 'S POL-
ITICAL GAME NOW CONSISTS OF PAPERING OVER BREACH
OPENED BY FAILURE OF 'OPENING' BY THROWING HIMSELF
INTO PLAN FOR SEPARATE PEACE WITH ZIONIST LEADERS....
EGYPTIANS HAVE LEARNED NOT TO REACT TOO QUICKLY....
THEY KNOW VERY WELL THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING.
THEY ARE NOT INDIFFERENT TO 'POLICY OF OPEN DOOR';
THEY ARE WATCHFUL. AND WHAT ABOUT TOMORROW?"HAYNES
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